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## FRIENDSHIP

Today has brought us closer, friend,  
To heaven and the journey's end;  
    Look back with me, I pray,  
And view our work as here we stand,  
The work we've finished hand in hand  
    Today and yesterday,  
For it is well to think of this,—  
The toils for others, and the bliss  
    It brought us, while we may.

I know not when the wheels of life  
Will cease within you, and the strife  
    Of earth's turmoil depart,  
But if the veil of death should fall  
Upon you while I'm gone, may all  
    The peace God could impart  
Be with you, for you've given me  
A new joy, and may that joy be  
    Imbedded in your heart.

*Ralph Tompkins.*

*Ralph Tompkins*

May this volume of "The Reflector" make a permanent part of your lives the friendships that have come into being in this year of 1934.





### DEDICATION

To Mr. Harmon L. Gregory, the principal of our school, whose powerful leadership, efficiency, sincerity, ceaseless work, and ambition have piloted our school for over a period of six years, "The 1934 Reflector" is dedicated with the appreciation of the students of Trott in the hope that we may express in some slight manner our affection for him.



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# *CLASSES*



CLASS OF 1934



ARLENE ALAIMO

*President*

ETHYL BROWN

*Vice-President*

JOHN PORRECO

*Secretary*

STANLEY CHERVINSKI

*Treasurer*

TO LEARN SOMETHING MORE  
TODAY THAN YESTERDAY

*Motto*

RED AND SILVER

*Colors*

AMERICAN BEAUTY

*Flower*



## CLASS HISTORY OF 1934

THE graduating class is at last about to attain the hard earned sheepskin that will mean so much to their future. When first entering Trott Vocational School some labored at typewriters and calculators; others filled the lower corridors with ghastly odors in attempt to explore the secrets of unknown gases and liquids. Still others tinkered with machinery trying to discover the malady of a Model T Ford. As freshmen the shop boys stood in awe at the glorified seniors of '33 who knew all the secrets of machines, formulas, carburetors, and accelerators that they themselves were trying so hard to master. These once mere youngsters are now going forth as adult efficiency experts each soon to procure a job that will lead him to the way of happiness in success.

After the first year which always proves to be the most difficult, we entered our senior year under the student council guidance of Marvin Beck, president, Walter Thomas, vice-president, Joe Jamarco, secretary, and Mike Portick, treasurer. Under the capable leadership of these fine officers a year of pleasant activities as well as scholastic success was completed.

At the opening of the basketball season, an athletic association composed of 130 members was formed. Mike Erchak was elected president, Edward Clark, vice-president, and Anne Winger, secretary.

On January 18, the "Land O'Cotton" Minstrel Show was given in the Auditorium of Trott Vocational School. The seniors, Joe Jamarco and John Tomazewski, took two leading rolls assisted by a chorus composed of many of their fellow classmen.

The Varsity Basketball Team gloried in a successful season as members to the R. P. I. League for the first time. The efforts of the following seniors, Russell Gregory, John Porreco, Charles Holkowich, and Orvin Maybe, combined with that of Trott High Students were largely responsible for Trott's success.

In March a startling announcement from the office stated that those who considered themselves seniors were to inform their respective teachers. It was surprising that the time spent at Trott was nearly over. We had entered with one thought in mind, to reach the same port, and perhaps combine pleasure with work. Now we had nearly reached our pinnacle happily, if not a bit reluctantly.

At the first senior meeting Mr. Small was chosen class advisor. At the second meeting a precedent was established in the election of Arlene Alaimo as president of the Senior Class, the first girl to be chosen for this high position in the six years of Trott's existence. Ethyl Brown was elected vice-president, John Porreco, secretary, and Stanley Chervinski, treasurer.

We have now reached our goal, one which seemed so distant when we entered Trott Vocational School. After graduation, we will scatter to find a place in the world and then settle down to a routine. We may never see each other again in school, but long may we remember our grand days at T. V. S.!

Class Historian 1934

Dimma Dal Porto





Fortuna, Gee, Halkovich, Halliday, Heaton, Hannums  
Cusimano, Dal Porto, Gett, Fronaszek, Gentile, Germele  
Carlo, Carosella, Capizzi, Centifonti, Chervinski, Conti  
Alaimo, Allen, Beck, Bowman, Brown, Brown, Brunner

## SENIORS

ARLENE ALAIMO—Toots

"Aw Nuts"

Commercial

ELEANOR ALLEN—Peggy

"Ducky"

Commercial

Soccer '33, '34

Volleyball '33

Badminton '33

Athletic Manager '33, '34

MARVIN BECK—Becky

"Aw Nuts"

Auto Shop

President of Student Council '34

CLARA BOWMAN—Nike

"Is that so?"

Commercial

Volleyball '33

ETHYL BROWN—Red

"You louse"

Commercial

Volleyball '33

VERA BROWN

"Is that so?"

Commercial

Badminton Tournament

SAM CARLO—Asendsea

Drafting

Newspaper '32, '33, '34

Vice-president Student Council '33

Traffic Squad '32, '33

EVELYN CAROSELLA

Commercial

JOSEPHINE CAPIZZI—Sweets

"Come again"

Commercial

Baseball

MARY CENTIFANTI—Gerty

"Skip it"

Commercial

Baseball

MARY CHERVINSKI

Commercial

CARMAN CONTI—Butch

"Hey, Butch"

Drafting

Yearbook '32, '33, '34

Newspaper '32, '33, '34

Interscholastic Basketball '32, '33,

'34

Baseball '33, '34

CAROLINE CUSIMANO—Kelly

"Oh Yeah"

Commercial

Soccer, Volleyball, Badminton

DIMMA DAL PORTO—Dee

"Holy Cats"

Commercial

Trott Herald and Reflector '32,

'33, '34, Athletic Association '34

Music League '33, '34

Chorus '32, '34, Glee Club '34

Land O' Cotton '34

Dance Committee, Merit Award

EDWARD FORTUNA—Fort

Auto

STELLA FRONASZEK—Jean

"Don't act funny"

Commercial

CLARENCE GEE

Auto

FLORENCE GENTILE—Flo

"Hi, Sweetness"

Commercial

Woodstock Award

MARGARET GERMELE—Maggie

Germele

"I resent that remark"

Commercial

CHARLES HALKOWICH—Halky

"That don't cut no ice"

Chemistry

Interclass baseball

Basketball '32, '33

Volleyball

Varsity Basketball

WILFRED HALLIDAY

"Oh Yeah, Sez Who"

Auto

Archery

School Paper '33, '34

FRANK HANNUMS—Herby

"Ya Hey"

Drafting

Class Basketball

Volleyball

ROBERT HEATON—Cowboy

"Now when I was in Oklahoma"

Auto



*Handwritten signature*



Tomaszewski, Tracinski, VanBrocklin, Weaver, Wieszyk  
Scheer, Scott, Scozzafava, Scrufari, Smith, Spillar  
Moskal, Neyerlin, O'Brien, Olejarz, Price, Pysz, Saad  
Hanson, Johns, Kane, Lombardo, Merento, Mokhiber

## SENIORS

PAULINE HANSON—Pauly  
Commercial  
Volleyball '33  
Soccer '34  
Badminton '34  
Baseball

VIOLET JOHNS—Violets  
"Men are all alike"  
Commercial  
Soccer '33, '34  
Merit Award '34  
Athletic Manager '34  
Badminton '33, '34  
Cheer Leader '33  
Volleyball '33, '34  
Trott Herald '34  
Baseball '33, '34  
Woodstock Award '34  
Reflector '34  
Honor Roll '33  
Tennis '34  
School Store

BETTY KANE—Sugar  
"Is Zat So"  
Commercial  
Captain Ball '34  
Volleyball '33  
Baseball '33  
Badminton '34  
Soccer '33 Tennis '33

ROSE LOMBARDO—Ro  
"Darn you"  
Commercial  
Woodstock Award

SANTINA MERANTO—Santa  
"Oh Gee"  
Commercial  
Woodstock Award  
Honor Roll  
Volleyball

NAYLA MOKHIBER—Naj  
Commercial  
STELLA MOSKEL—Te-Te  
"Aw Nuts"  
Commercial

MELVIN NEYERLIN—Melvie  
"Nuts to you"  
Chemistry  
Traffic  
Volleyball

JEROME O'BRIEN—Jerry  
"Ya Hey"  
Drafting  
Class Basketball  
Volleyball  
Soccer

NELLIE OLEJARZ—Nell-o  
Commercial  
Baseball '33  
Volleyball '33  
Soccer '33, '34

MARY PYSZ—Buddy  
"Yes, you did"  
Commercial

JOHN SAAD—Saad  
"Here, Rogers"  
Auto  
Foreman of Shop '33, '34

HAROLD SCHEER—Hal  
"Or Something"  
Commercial, Band '33, '34

FREDA SCOTT—Bridgit  
Commercial  
PETER SCRUFARI  
"Yes"

Millwright  
Basketball '34, Volleyball  
ANNA SCOZZAFAVA  
Commercial

HAROLD SMITH—Smitty  
"Don't do that"  
Auto

DOROTHY SPILLER—Dot  
"Is that so"  
Commercial

JOHN TOMASZEWSKI—J. F. T.  
"Nuts"  
Chemistry, Land O'Cotton  
Volleyball, Traffic Squad  
Class Representative

JOHN TRACINSKI—Johnny  
"Put your head in a barrel"  
Chemistry, Volleyball

THOMAS VAN BROCKLIN—Dutch  
"Mondikes"  
Drafting

JOSEPH WEAVER—Frank  
"Thank You"  
Auto II

MARTIN WIESCZYK  
"Fish on you"  
Millwrighting



## A 1954 CITY DIRECTORY

ON a rainy afternoon in the Niagara Falls Library I chanced to glance through the 1954 City Directory and found there the name of many an old friend. So that you could enjoy a little of my delight and surprise, I copied a few for you.

Alderman, Walter—Patrolman on the Niagara Falls Police Force.  
 Alaimo, Arlene—Model at the Paris Fashions Dress Shop.  
 Allen, Eleanor—Waitress at the Trabucco Hotel.  
 Beck, Marvin—City Clerk of Niagara Falls.  
 Bowman, Clara—Proprietor of the Carosella Hat Shop.  
 Brown, Ethyl—Actress at the Robert Lee Studios.  
 Brown, Vera—Manicurist at Mokhiber Beauty Shop.  
 Carlo, Sam—Artist at the Miller Studios.  
 Capizzi, Josephine—Blues Singer at Station W. G. R.  
 Centofanti, Mary—Secretary to the Board of Education.  
 Chervinski, Mary—Typing Instructor at the Trott Vocational High School.  
 Chervinski, Stanley—Foreman at the Welhelm Chemical Company.  
 Clark, Edward—Commissioner of Parks.

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### MORE SENIORS!

FRANK BALON  
 Millwright  
 CHESTER BANAS—Bonney  
 "Whoopie"  
 Electric  
 Basketball  
 Baseball  
 Volleyball  
 LESLIE BEAVER  
 Electric  
 VIVIAN COROSELLA  
 Commercial  
 STANLEY CHERVINSKI—Stan  
 "Hey Blackie"  
 Industrial  
 Basketball  
 Volleyball  
 EDWARD CLARK  
 Commercial  
 CHESTER COLLINS  
 Millwright  
 DOMINIC COSENTINO  
 Machine  
 WALTER CZAPEA—Wally  
 Machine  
 Volleyball  
 Basketball  
 MATTHEN DOMINSKI  
 "Hi there Kid"  
 Machine Shop  
 Basketball  
 Volleyball  
 ANNA DONATELLA  
 Commercial  
 PETER FAVORITE  
 "Hi Boys"  
 Machine Shop  
 EDWARD GALL  
 "Howdy boys, Howdy"  
 Machine Shop  
 Class President

WILLIAM GARDINEER  
 Electric  
 KATHERINE GRAY  
 Commercial  
 RUSSELL GREGORY  
 Electric  
 Basketball  
 RALPH JOYCE—Tweet  
 "How!"  
 Electric  
 ANNE LA CIVITA  
 "Gee Whiz"  
 Commercial  
 EDWARD LOSKOWSKI—Lash  
 Millwright  
 Basketball '33, '34  
 Softball  
 Volleyball '33, '34  
 EUNICE MERICLE  
 Commercial  
 HENRY MENENDEZ—Chico  
 "Tom Mix and Jack Bones"  
 Commercial  
 Basketball  
 Volleyball  
 EUGENE NALEPA  
 Millwright  
 STANLEY O'BARA—O'Bie  
 "Nuts to you"  
 Millwright  
 Basketball '33, '34  
 Volleyball '33, '34  
 Softball, Baseball  
 JOHN OWENSKI  
 "Nuts"  
 Industrial  
 Basketball  
 Volleyball  
 DAVID PAONESSA—Peppy  
 "Let it ride"  
 Millwright  
 Basketball '33, '34  
 Volleyball '33, '34  
 Softball

JOSEPH PARDO—J. P. Morgan  
 "Is that so, Oke", Yess, Yess,  
 Yess, and Yes.  
 Electric  
 Electrician for school play  
 Shop Foreman  
 WILLIAM PIERCE—Bill  
 Millwright  
 WALTER PIETKINICZ—Wally  
 "Forget it"  
 Millwright  
 Building stage for Minstrel Show  
 JOHN PORRECA—Perky  
 "That's what I figured"  
 Vocational  
 Honor Roll  
 Newspaper Staff '33  
 Interclass sports  
 Varsity Basketball  
 MICHAEL PORTCK—Micky  
 "O-kee-Do-kee Pop"  
 Commercial  
 Basketball  
 STANLEY SOBOLESKI  
 Electric  
 LEO SYDLOWSKI  
 Millwright  
 WALTER THOMAS—Waddy  
 "I don't remember"  
 Electric  
 Basketball  
 Baseball  
 Volleyball  
 LE ROY WILHELM—Wee Willie,  
 Wilhelm  
 "Thank you"  
 Electric  
 Volleyball  
 Baseball  
 Basketball



CITY DIRECTORY

Conti, Carmen—President of the Conti Taxi Company.  
Cusimano, Caroline—Kindergarten teacher at Cleveland Avenue School.  
Czapla, Walter—Optometrist at Heaton Jewelry Store.  
Dal Porto, Dimma—Literary Editor of the Niagara Falls Gazette.  
Fortuna, Edward—Fruit Importer.  
Franaszek, Stella—Housewife.  
Gall, Edward—Repairman.  
Gee, Clarence—Commissioner of Streets.  
Gentele, Florence—Teller at Balon and Banas Bank.  
Giesler, Carl—Proprietor of Giesler's Radio Store.  
Gimmelli, Anthony—Professor at the Notre Dame University.  
Gregory, Russell—Mayor of Niagara Falls.  
Halkowich, Charles—Radio Announcer for T. V. S.  
Hannums, Frank—Organist for Wurlitzer.  
Hanson, Pauline—Instructor at Joyce Athletic School.  
Jamarco, Joseph—Radio Announcer over Station W. E. A. F.  
Kane, Betty—Proprietor of Halliday Beauty Shop.  
LaCivita, Anna—Stenographer at Maybee Building.  
La Sota, Joseph—La Sota and Saad Undertaking Parlor.  
Lombardo, Rose—Nurse at Gardineer Hospital.  
Manenty, Viola—Housewife.  
Marzec, Edward—Chief of Police.  
Menendez, Henry—Manager at Kennedy Motor Sales Corporation.  
Meranto, Santina—Leader of Women's Politics.  
Moskal, Stella—Saleslady at Niagara Clothing Company.  
O'Brien, Jerome—Medical Doctor.  
Olejarz, Nellie—Designer of Women's Clothes.  
Porreca, John—Criminal Lawyer.  
Portik, Michael—Football Coach.  
Pysz, Mary—Nurse at Memorial Hospital.  
Scazzafava, Anna—Opera Singer.  
Scheer, Harold—President of Power Trust Company.  
Scott, Freda—Society Leader.  
Smith, Harold—Aviator.  
Spiller, Dorothy—Aviatrix.  
Thomas, Walter—President of Niagara Hudson.  
Tomazewski, John—Foreman at 10th Street Firehall.  
Walezak, Felix—Senator.

How large a part in the city's business affairs do my fellow graduates of 1934 play! Most certainly we who were the pupils of yesterday are the rulers of today.



## CLASS WILL

WE, the graduating class of 1934 of the Trott Vocational, in order to form a more perfect school do ordain and establish this class will to become effective the first day of the fall semester:

We bestow the amazing ability of Dorothy Spiller to see the "B. F." during school hours to Nellie Insalaco.

We give to George Hooker the straightforwardness of Joe Jamarco.

We bestow upon Madeline Palmer the sportmanship of Violet Johns.

With our best regards we present to Edward Olejarz the trombone of Edward Marzec.

To Sophie Popielarski we leave the powder puffs of Anne LaCivita.

To Anthony Spindio we leave Mike Porticks' permanent (?) wave.

We leave to Bertha Ives the winning ways of Ethyl Brown.

We bestow upon Arnold Littlewood the attractive smile of Charles Halkowich.

To Margaret Murphy we leave the cute blushing ways of Clara Bowman.

The leadership of Marvin Beck to Casimer Tomaszewski.

We leave to Walter Becker the voluminous vocabulary of Dimma Dal Porto.

To Walter Donovan we leave the witty ideas of John Tomaszewski.

To Marie Trepasso we leave the curling pins of Vivian Carosella.

To Joe Travis we leave the piano keys (including the rhythm) of Frank Hannums.

The rare blonde beauty of Vera Brown we bestow upon Marguerite Dietrich.

The gracious gowns of Nellie Olejarz we give to Julia Scarupa.

To Mary Barry we leave the school-girl figure of Arlene Alaimo.

Betty Kane's ever-ready giggle we bestow upon Patricia Thomas.

The timid habits (sez you) of John Oinenski we give to Ziggy Tarnowski.

We leave to Virginia Brown the melodious sounds of Josephine Capizzi.

To Joe Trabucco we give the roller skates (also the graceful tumbles) of Stanley O'Bara.

The sex appeal of Freda Scott we give to Lillian Sawma.

From Harold Scheer we award his intelligence to Harry Schrantz.

We, the Class of 1934, leave to the faculty of Trott Vocational School our fond affections and ambitions.

We, the girls of the 1934 Graduating Class, bestow upon the oncoming freshie girls our amazing ability to turn out good (?) typewritten material and chew gum vigorously at the same time.

We, the boys of the 1934 Graduating Class, leave open the shops, in which we practice our quaint mannerisms, to oncoming first year boys to do likewise.

Given under my hand and official seal this twenty-second day of June, A. D., 1934.

MARY CHERVINSKI, Class Testator  
Trott Vocational School





## TROTT VOCATIONAL SHOP GROUP

The Trott Vocational Shop Group consists of about 250 students. This course offers instruction in chemistry, drafting, auto mechanics, machinery, electricity, and millwrighting. Students taking this course are taught every phase of their individual work and when they are graduated they are able to continue it as their life's work. The largest shop division is the millwright shop which numbers thirty-two students. Each course offered is complete in itself. The vocational group as well as the commercial department is operated on the Dalton Plan. When a student completes sixteen units of work, he is graduated from the trade he is taking and is eligible for employment. Because of this system sixty students of the vocational group have been placed with employers. The vocational department does not consider its job complete until students are properly placed where their knowledge will aid them in their work. Follow up visits are made by the instructors to ascertain if any further help is needed by the graduate.





## TROTT COMMERCIAL AND CONTINUATION DEPARTMENTS

Trott's Commercial Section is composed of about three hundred students who receive worthwhile and complete instruction in typewriting, filing, office practice, bookkeeping, and operation of office appliances. Since rapid and accurate work are two of the outstanding requirements of persons engaged in office work, this phase is particularly stressed until every graduate is a skilled worker in his or her field. The course has proved itself to be one of the most popular in the school owing to the fact that it too is operated on the Dalton Plan.

Of all the departments in Trott, the Continuation Department is the most interesting and the least known. It is chiefly a social service unit created for the purpose of aiding children who are unable to attend full time school. It is here that the working boy or girl is acquainted with the latest ideas in the profession which he or she is following. Here as well as in the vocation and commercial departments, the school helps to secure employment for the pupils.





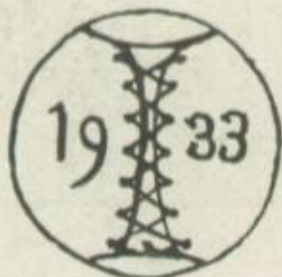
## HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

The High School Department of Trott Vocational School, which was created in the year of 1932 to relieve the over-crowded condition in the Senior High School, is composed of second year students. These pupils are stationed at Trott for one year when they will pass into Niagara Falls High School as juniors. This, however, does not make them less important members of Trott as they have participated in all school functions and activities, which include the student council, newspaper, music league, band, orchestra, traffic squad, and assembly programs. Eighty names on the high school honor roll attests to the fact that scholastic as well as extra-curricular activities were emphasized during this mid-high year.

In short, these students, marked by the industry, their initiative, and their undivided school spirit, have contributed whole-heartedly to the activities of the school and have done their share in making Trott one of the best schools of Niagara Falls.



WELCOME



## SEPTEMBER

6. Trott swings wide its doors to welcome all.
13. Assembly to acquaint new comers with school habits.
16. Thirty-five North Juniorites enjoy visit here.
19. Student from Siam visits Trott.
20. Special assembly held in honor of former N. J. Students who were awarded certificates.

## OCTOBER

4. Student Council officers introduced in assembly.
5. Archery Club organized under leadership of Mr. Banks.
19. Lunch periods shortened. Doggone it!
20. Traffic Corps organized.
21. Mr. Andrews impersonates Will Rogers. Keep Smiling!
24. Skating party and what a time! Wow!
25. "Get Acquainted" dance sponsored by Student Council.
26. First "Herald" published.

## NOVEMBER

1. Mr. Hannaman entertains with black magic.
8. Armistice Day Address by Dr. Taylor.
21. Thanksgiving Assembly.
28. Inter-Class Basketball season closes, with N. R. A. winning school championship.

## DECEMBER

9. Trott defeats DeVeaux Cagers.
15. Xmas dance.  
Trott loses to Kenmore.
22. Rah! Christmas issue of "Herald" appears.  
Christmas Assembly.
23. Trott defeats Batavia. Hurrah!

## JANUARY

5. Trott takes Tonawanda to the tune of 38-33.
13. We lose to North Tonawanda. Better luck next time.
18. Whoopie! Minstrel show is a howling success!
19. Lackawanna gets close win over Trott.
22. Cram week and Exam week.



# DAYS OF 1934

## FEBRUARY

1. Hershey Movies shown in assembly. Candy sales are mounting. Somebody's bound to gain.
14. "Land O'Cotton" cast celebrates with party.
16. Trott plays Batavia. Another Victory!
28. Students enjoy dance after school, sponsored by newspaper staff.



## MARCH

7. Last issue of "Herald" is out.
9. Defeated Lockport. Give team a big hand!
16. High School loses to Trott after hard battle.
21. Students frightened at explosive assembly given in a skit by chemistry students.
26. Popular alumni game. Trott loses.



## APRIL

11. Athletic Association meeting.
18. Community Chest campaign begins.
18. Yearbook assembly.
19. Skating Party and dance at Dexter's.
27. Spring Prom. Informal. Loads of fun.



## MAY

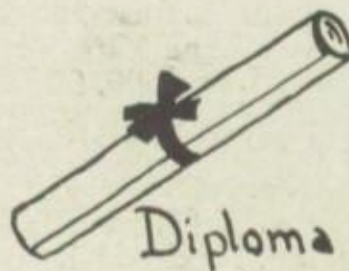
2. Mr. Small speaks at assembly.
9. Mrs. Carrie Bliss of Fourth Street contributed a beautiful bust of Beethoven to our music department. We wish to thank her most heartily.
16. Assembly for prevention of cruelty to animals. Candidates for the 1935 Student Council introduced.
29. Decoration Day Assembly.
30. One day vacation. Try to count the picnics!



## JUNE

8. Music League had picnic at "Y" camp.
14. City exams begin.
18. Regents begin. May you pass with nothing less than ninety-five.
22. Graduation. Dr. Harding of the R. and H. Chemical Company gave the address.

So ends this year, 1934, that has been a combination of work and pleasure, failure and success, disappointments and realization. May you have only pleasant memories of these events.





## THE 1934 HONOR ROLL

EACH year "The Reflector" publishes with a great deal of pride the names of those pupils who have succeeded in reaching honor grades in their subjects. To these students Trott owes its reputation as an institution of learning. We congratulate them on a splendid achievement.

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# *ATHLETICS*

*Bernard P. Mayfield*





Manfred, Guata, McAuliffe  
DiFrazio, Dandrea, Wilson, Gimmelli  
Fabiano, La Sota, Gregory

## VARSITY BASKETBALL

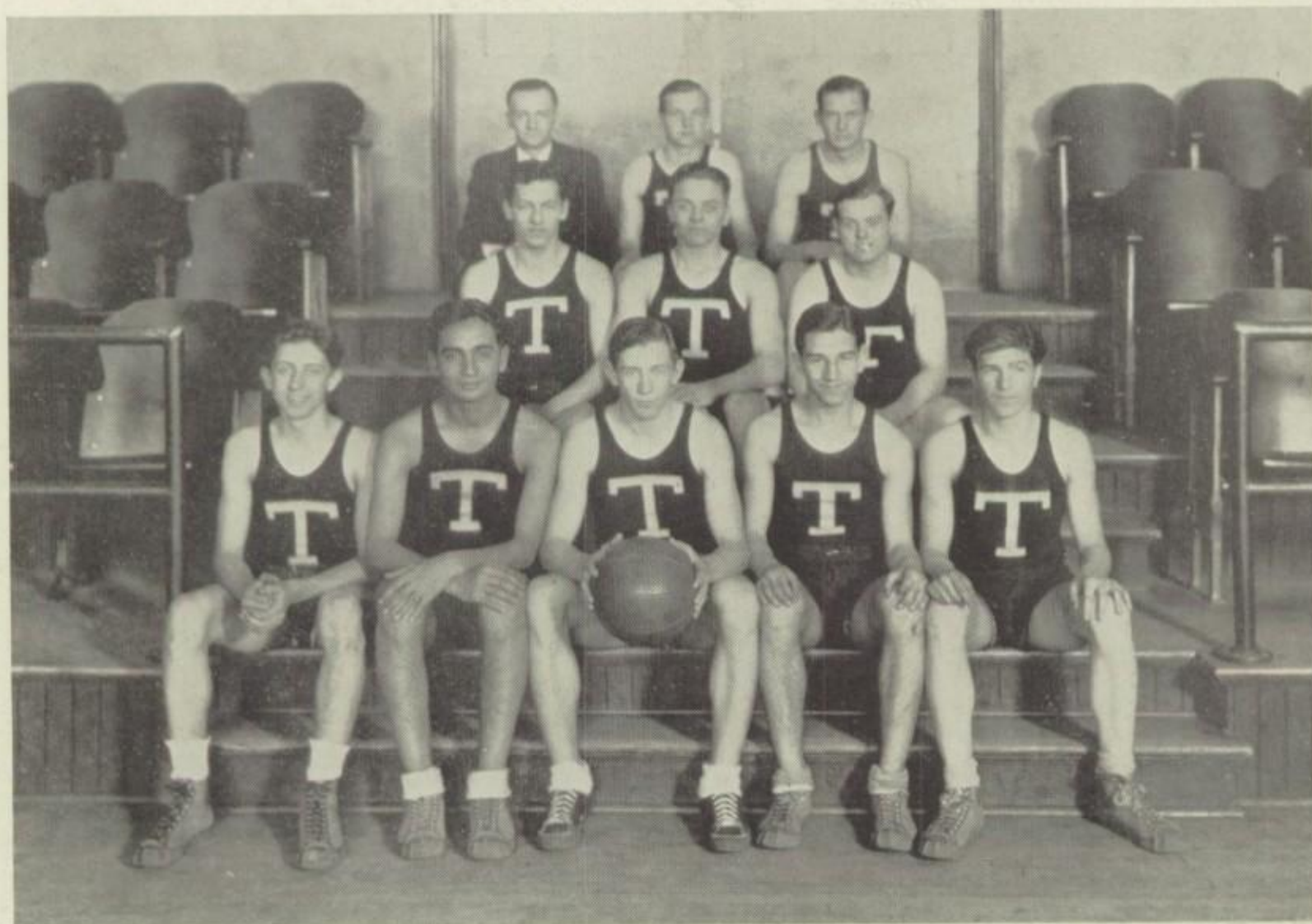
Trott's debut in the R. P. I. League was successful inasmuch as we nearly reached the finals at Kenmore. The high spot of the year was Trott's defeat of their arch-rivals, the High School, for the first time since the two teams met in athletic competition. The High School team, all stars in their own right, were defeated by a Trott team that never gave up fighting until the final whistle when they forged ahead to make the final score 17-15 in Trott's favor.

In June a banquet was held at which the members of the winning team, Fabiano, Dandrea, Losin, DeFazio, Gregory, and La Sota, were presented with a letter and certificate as rewards for their playing.

### TROTT'S RECORD

Opponent	Place	Score		Opponent	Place	Score	
		they	we			they	we
1. LaSalle	There	18	40	9. High School	There	41	18
2. DeVeaux	H. S.	8	51	10. Kenmore	Here	26	23
3. Kenmore	There	35	21	11. Batavia	Here	26	28
4. Batavia	There	20	37	12. Tonawanda	There	29	20
5. Tonawanda	Here	33	38	13. N. Tonawanda	There	27	22
6. N. Tonawanda	Here	18	15	14. Lackawanna	Here	14	33
7. Lackawanna	There	27	16	15. Lockport	Here	24	29
8. Lockport	There	27	26	16. High School	There	15	17
	Lost 8				Won 8		
Opponents scored on Trott 388				Trott Scored on Opponents 434			





Manfred, Klimec, Cecula  
Banas, Jamarco, Wilhelm  
Porreca, Burnham, Halkowich, Maybee, Martino

## THE SECOND TEAM AND INTRA-MURAL SPORTS

During the past year the fame of the second team has equalled if not surpassed that of the varsity. Of the opponents met in the games preceding the varsity, two-thirds were vanquished by this group of peppy players.

The intra-mural program, participated in by nearly 500 boys, included tennis, basketball, volleyball, golf, and soft and hard ball under the direction of Coach Bernard Manfred.

In September and October a successful tennis tournament, comprised of sixteen teams under the direction of Mr. Stafford, was run off and won by Bellonte and Lavery; while in a consolation tournament Farley and Gimmelli on a default of Nowacki and Kula were pronounced victors.

An inter-class basketball league was formed in November with twenty-four well-organized teams competing for the school championship and played with the main purpose of giving Mr. Manfred an idea concerning who should be picked for the "Varsity." The season closed on November 28 with N. R. A. of the Trott High section winning the championship by defeating Millwright 1A, 40-8.

In spring, attention turned to golf and soft and hard ball which completed the year's athletic activities.





Maziasz, Hughey, Delehant, Lysiak, Walba, Haungs  
Milarski, Kurisko, Doroachak, Popielarski, Wojtowicz, Fittante, Brenda  
Benfanti, Slazyk, Struzikiewicz, Martino, Kasprzak, Popowich

## VOLLEYBALL AND BADMINTON

The girls of Trott Vocational High School have shown a marvelously fine spirit in regard to sports. Everyone has proven her loyalty by participating in its activities.

Volleyball proved a leading sport where the girls showed true sportmanship throughout the entire season. Unbounded success marked this game. In February, the final games were played and the following girls were winners: S. Poplarski\*, captain, H. Brinda\*, A. Wojatsz\*, E. Popowich\*, I. Benfanti\*, M. Doroachak\*, and H. Kurisko\*. The runners-up were: R. Fields, captain, L. First, L. Haungs, B. Delehante, J. Fittante, M. Hughey, H. Klimedio, A. Lysiak, L. Maziasz, L. Walba. Stars denote those who will receive a Trott letter "T."

An extensive tournament of one hundred and ten games in badminton was played after which forty-eight teams were scheduled in the elimination before the champs were announced. Sixteen leagues which consisted of ninety-six girls, were formed and the schedule was posted in the gym. The winners were K. Kasprazyk and T. Martino; the runners-up were J. Struzikiewicz and S. Slazyk. Many girls served as score keepers and referees. Birds and rackets were furnished by the school. All the runners-up will receive fifty points toward a letter similar to that received by the winners.





Firth, Kelberer, Kane, Brown, Hanson, Allen, Cusimano  
Johns, Mullen, Michaels, Martino, Herowska, Furry, Narkiewicz  
Snyder, Prindle, Augerot, Kelly, Burton, Czaplak, Sawa

## SOCCKER AND OTHER SPORTS

Starting the second semester, the girls devoted their attention to soccer. In this sport which is a new once for girls at Trott, a great number of teams were entered in a tournament, which later proved to be a snappy affair with the winners coming through by a narrow margin.

The tournament which was also of the "Round Robin" type was concluded in March with \*Blanche Kelly, M. Augerot, G. Burton, \*H. Mullen, \*W. Sawa, L. Michael, L. Hasely, \*F. Czaplak, \*E. Snyder, \*F. Stevens, of the high school section, comprising the membership of the championship team.

The second place winners were V. Johns, as captain, E. Firth, H. Kelberer, E. Narkiewicz, E. Brown, M. Bonjavani, E. Cusimano, and P. Hanson.

Nine teams were entered in the baseball tournament. Six games have been played in the Round Robin which will end in June when the champs will be decided by a separate elimination tournament. The teams with the highest average of games won will be admitted to the finals.

A tennis tournament which was finished in June completed the sports activities for the girls of T. V. S. in 1934.



*Irish*



"Land O' Cotton"



The Cantara Twins



"Twenty Years Later" - 1954



The Beecher Twins



The Shumway Twins



The Famous Five ~?



The Walker Twins



Us





# *ORGANIZATIONS*





Tompkins, Lederhouse, Dandrea, Tarnowski, Banas  
Hyla, Littlewood, Shumway, Montanari, Hooker, Longo  
Fetzer, Tomaszewski, Evert, Scrufari, Zaccaria, Finocchi  
Gall, Tisdale, Schug, Tomaszewski, Beck  
Nichols, Reynolds, Thomas, Portik, Carlo  
Griffin, Miller, Cunningham, Jackson, Brown, Maday

### THE STUDENT COUNCIL OF 1934

The Student Council of Trott Vocational High School, organized to foster a school spirit and secure a more uniform representation in school activities, chose as its leader for the year 1934, Marvin Beck who presided at the meetings. The Council, composed of vice-president, Walter Thomas, secretary, Joseph Jamarco, and treasurer, Michael Portick, and a representative from each of the roll call rooms, with the help of the principal of the school, Harmon L. Gregory, and the faculty advisor, Miss Rohr, put forth its best efforts to keep up the traditions of former years.

The Council, besides sponsoring the collection and distribution of food and clothing for the needy families at Christmas time and promoting the sales of the yearbook, earned due praise for conducting successfully the Community Chest Campaign in Trott. Among the other affairs sponsored by this organization the "Get Together" dance held in October and the Student Council Assembly in May stood out.

May succeeding Student Councils carry out as wisely and conscientiously all activities and problems that come within their range.





Walzyk, Kopaiz, Rotella, Galley, Zaccaria  
Littlewood, Marzec, Tompkins, Brasser, Iuele, Philips  
Tomasik, Scheer, Prindle, Finocchi, Patt  
James, Yaude, Orynowka, Ruggiero, Emert

## THE T. V. S. BAND

One of Trott Vocational School's organizations of which we are proud is the band. In the bright crimson and white of the Alma Mater and with their flashing instruments they make a striking picture. Under the capable direction of Mr. Emert, our music instructor, they have pleased various audiences, both in school and in public.

As proof of their excellent playing they were invited to present programs at North and South Junior High Schools and played at the Frontier Music Festival at the Senior High School. In the Niagara Falls Peace Council program they were applauded for their rendering of "Washington Post March," "Welcome", and "Juniper Polka" in which John Iuele played the trumpet solo. During the basketball season, the band played at all of Trott's home games and accompanied the varsity to North Tonawanda.

Four members of the band, John Iuele, Charles Swain, Leo Orynowka, and Ralph Tompkins, comprised the brass quartet which has been extremely active this year. They played at the Music Festival, in assemblies, at the La Salle Business Men's Banquet, at a minstrel show at LaSalle, At Trott's Minstrel Show, at the First Presbyterian Church, at Howard Hall for the Federation of Mothers' Clubs, at the Senior High, South, and North Junior High Schools.





Travis, Cowan, Tompkins, Benjella, Hohenstein, Emert  
Littlewood, Orynawka, Sloma, Meyers, Bird, James  
Saph, Shumway, Zaccaria, Shumway, Schug

## BOYS' GLEE CLUB

The Boys' Glee Club, although composed of only twenty members, is to be congratulated on its excellent performances this year at Trott. The harmony produced by these boys is of the best and bids for highest honors in the city.

The club worked diligently and produced results worthy of the efforts. They sang several selections in the Minstrel Show which delighted the audience. So popular was one of these numbers, "My Gallant Crew," from the Gilbert and Sullivan Opera, "Pinafore," that the boys sang it, with several other compositions, in an assembly program when Joe Travis sang the solo part. This was again repeated at the Music Festival, where the boys also gave "The Three Chafers." They again sang at the Y. W. C. A. Howard Hall for the Federation of Mothers' Club.

Although like the mixed chorus it meets only once a week, the results have been most encouraging and considerably greater than last year's efforts along the same line.





Orynawka, Zaccaria, Travis, Benjella, Saph, Myers, Shumway, Shumway, Schug, Littlewood, Bird, Emert  
 Moose, Hasely, Hibbard, Shaunnessy, O'Leary, Robida, Shafer, Clapsattle, Stevenson  
 Dal Porto, Principe, Snyder, Keys, Slingerland, Taylor, Karwasinska, Masiziak  
 Trapasso, Cook, Jordan, Page, Galley, Schmidt, Furry, Eckel, Voelker  
 Insalaco, Corbett, Capsalla, Barber, Price, Murphy, Halstead, Hodge

## MIXED CHORUS

Because the mixed chorus of Trott Vocational High School have participated so enthusiastically and whole heartedly in the affairs of the city, they are deserving of much appreciation. In an attempt to show the taxpayers that music, besides enjoyment, is an essential factor in the studies of the pupil, much has been done by the chorus with this aim in view.

Meeting but once a week for an hour only, the chorus had accomplished surprisingly much. As evidence of this, the Girls' Glee Club and a section of the Mixed Chorus have presented several selections in assembly. In January, several members composed the chorus and soloists of the Minstrel Show which was presented to the public.

Although they did not sing a special selection in the Frontier Music Meet held at Niagara Falls High School in May, the chorus attended and joined in the massed chorus conducted by Dr. Breach.

On the day of the Civil Peace Meet, the Trott Vocational Chorus sang two numbers at the City Hall, as a part of the program sponsored by the Niagara Peace Council.

The musical program will be concluded at the commencement exercises on June 22.





Nichols, Yaude, Baker, Olearczyk, Zaccaria, Neyerlin  
Reppenhagen, Becker, Berock, Price, Reid, Banas, Marzec  
Tisdale, Owsinski, Spendio, Bird, Martinez, Evert, Travis, Littlewood  
Swerk, Stevenson, Combes, Corbett, Fields, Slingerland, Tomaszewski

## THE TRAFFIC SQUAD

The history of this school, law-enforcing body began several years ago when the junior high pupils were using the third floor of the Trott building. Since that time this squad has presented the solution to the problem of relieving the disorder in the halls between class periods.

This year the squad consisted of thirteen members on regular traffic duty stationed in the halls and nine others on noon lunch traffic. Each floor had its captain, and the direction of the organization was under our principal, Mr. Gregory.

The squad has had more to do this year than in previous years, due to the laws passed by the school board prohibiting the students from leaving the building during lunch periods. In addition to the regular traffic duty between the periods, attendants were placed at each door to allow only those with permits to leave or enter the building.

Conduct in the halls during 1934 has then been improved by each member of this group aided by the fine cooperation of every student of Trott.





Travis, Littlewood, Berock, Becker, Halliday, Conti, Peck  
Nassoiy, Shafer, Slingerland, Fields, Combes, Reynolds  
Dal Porto, Voelker, Johns, Bennett, Chervinski, Delehant, Furry

## NEWSPAPER-YEARBOOK CLUB

The Newspaper Club was organized at the beginning of our fall semester with twenty-seven members, all anxious to make this project a success. Since that time there have been three issues of the "Trott Herald" and the yearbook, "The Reflector," published.

Working both during and after school hours, the staff did its utmost to make a success of the paper. "The Trott Herald" belonged to the Western New York Inter-Scholastic Press Association. With suggestions gleaned from these meetings, new methods were introduced and carried out in our publications. Mr. Fritts worked faithfully and diligently, ably assisted by Editor Beulah Bennett and Assistant Editor Walter Becker.

The organization also belonged to the Niagara Falls Inter-Scholastic Press Association which each year awards a trophy to the school which has made the best success of its school newspaper. It is Trott's hope each year that it will be able to obtain and hold this trophy.

In April the yearbook was started by the original staff of "The Herald," working under the advisorship of Miss Tallman. A two-week campaign was held, at the duration of which about 450 copies had been sold. Only with conscientious work, excellent leadership, and student cooperation was "The Reflector" made possible.



## THE 1934 PRIZE STORY IN TROTT

### THE GREATER LOVE

ONE warm summer night a group of campers were engaged in a spirited controversy as to whether or not civilization had weakened or increased the power of love, and one after another defended his views. David Saunders, a noted explorer of the tropical islands, broke the silence. "There is no doubt in my mind," he said, "as to which side has the right of it," and he poured forth this story:

"The sun came out in all its glory and it was hard to believe that a few hours before a fierce tropical storm had lashed the sky and sea to a fury and that the ship had gone down. Jack Hays opened his eyes and found himself on a small native island, the sole survivor of his exploration ship, 'The Christina.' He saw a graceful figure approaching and as she came nearer perceived she was beautiful beyond words. Her long black hair floated about her slender form; from her lips came a startled cry. She seemed to draw away, but he called out and finally through his knowledge of many native dialects he made her understand that he was in need of food and shelter. She looked stealthily about her and then led him to a strange, crude, temple-like structure carved in the likeness of the head of a great crocodile.

"Days passed swiftly by for Jack as he lay under the tender care of the lovely Laneen. One evening as they watched the moonlight that played with the shadows cast by the rocks, he begged her to flee with him to another island where they could live the rest of their days safely and happily in a pagan paradise. She, at last, consented and through the long darkness they traveled silently and swiftly in an out-rigger canoe beneath the tropical stars. At dawn they landed upon an uninhabited island.

"The long, lovely tropical days passed lazily, softly by; but this new-found happiness was not to last, for suddenly Jack was stricken with the dreaded fever of the tropics and for days lay in a semi-coma. He wasted rapidly despite Laneen's efforts until at last she knew that death was close. Now she understood; she had offended the temple god and in his anger he was taking her beloved away from her. There was only one thing to do. After a tremendous struggle she got Jack into the canoe and returned to Crocodile Island. Hiding the boat and its precious cargo she sped to the temple and offered herself as a sacrifice for the ceremonial dance which was to take place at the rising of the moon of flowers. As a holy creature set aside for sacrifice she would have access to the golden seal bearing the image of the crocodile god whose brand would protect from all evil any who bore it. It gave the wearer tremendous power but few availed themselves of it, for it could be obtained only through a willing, living sacrifice to the hideous god.

"When she had procured the seal, she bound Jack securely and blinded with tears branded him deeply on the chest with the heated seal; then heavy-hearted but resolute returned to the temple to be sacrificed.

"She was arranged reverently in the sacrificial garments of great beauty. Deafening through the tropical night came the slow, rhythmic pounding of the tom toms. The ceremony had begun. With light step and eyes aglow she stepped into the center of the circle and swaying in time to the instruments began the dance of death. At the close of day as the golden sun kissed the shadows of twilight Laneen bid adieu to all earthly things and was given to the crocodile; but even as the slaving jaws of the scaly monster approached, she cried out the place where her lover was hidden and claimed the natives' help and protection by the seal of the god he wore.

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## LAUGH AND THE WORLD LAUGHS WITH YOU

Eddie: I have sad news. My dog died last night.

Walter: What happened? Did it swallow a tape-line and die by inches, or run down the alley and die by the yard?

Eddie: Naw, it crawled under the bed and died by the foot.

The strong man, gleaming knife in hand, gazed at the smooth white body in the water.

"I cannot do it," he groaned. "It's not a man's work." Tears streamed down his cheeks.

The woman, with a look of utter scorn, seized the knife—and finished peeling the onion.

"Pa," do you say, "It is me" or "It is I?"

Always remember the rhyme: "It is I," said the spider to the fly.

I see—but couldn't you say, "It is me," said the spider to the flea?

Teacher: An anonymous person is one who does not wish to be known. Who's that laughing in the class?

Voice: An anonymous person, teacher.

First Student: I see you're getting better marks lately. How's that?

Second Student: My dad's on a trip so I do all my work myself.

Teacher: Tom, can you tell me what a hypocrite is?

Leon: Yes, ma'am. It's a boy that comes to school with a smile on his face.

### Ideal Students

Complexion—Lloyd Young—Ruth Strassburg

Eyelashes—Anthony Berock—Ella Shaughnessy

Manners—Albert Fetzer—Agnes Mateer

Smiles—Charles Esterly—Doris Furry

Hair—Wm. (Frenchy) Myers—Dorothy Hughes

Athletics—Russell Gregory—Rosa O'Leary

Speech—Joe Jamarco—Beulah Bennett

Dimples—Harold Menentz—Alice Shafer

Dress—Whitney Johnson—Marion Sullivan

### Speaking of Songs; Have You Heard the:

Telephone Song—Somewhere a voice is calling.

Borrowing Song—Then you'll remember me.

Detective Song—Ah, sweet mystery of life.

Onion Song—Why should I cry over you.

Weather Bureau Song—On a dew, dew, dewy day.

## THE GREATER LOVE

"Because of the brand, Jack received the aid of all in the village and when he was sufficiently recovered he was taken to an island in the path of passing ships where he was eventually picked up. He returned to civilization carrying with him the memory of the love of a native maiden so deep that she had gladly given her life for the one she loved."

"Greater love," murmured Saunders, "hath no man than this," as he knocked the ashes from his pipe and rose to leave the group. His action broke a button from his polo shirt and for a fleeting second, before his hand could hide it, his audience glimpsed a vivid red scar upon his chest, the brand of a crocodile.

Evelyn Miller.

*Babe Miller*



STANLEY GORBON

John Crowley

Gertrude "Blondie" Off

THE REFLECTOR

Marguerite Grimaldi Harry Fappo

AUTOGRAPHS

Won't you sign your name so that I can remember you as a part of my happy time at T. V. S.

Gertrude Eckel (Ed) Jack Briggs Agnes  
 Leonard Hochadel Eddy Sedie Walter  
 Edward Korpelinski  
 Anna Cappella  
 Irene Smith  
 Jack Shornahan Robert Schrag  
 Vincent Leo Henry Hyla  
 Angelo Cirito Vivian "Bibbs" Stahlman  
 Lou Principe Frank Hunt  
 Dick Davis Vocally  
 Jennie Grace Lucille McHadyen  
 D. H. Tubenesis John Brierley  
 E. U. Stafford  
 E. E. Markiewicz Norman East  
 Lewis Noakes Harry Hummer  
 Philip Aid. Richard Darnay  
 Mary Sigliotti  
 Anna Marie D'Anna  
 Dan Hughes Melba Russell  
 Marian Russell

Alfreda Pyzdek



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Mary Ann  
Zugher

Lehel Moreland  
Constance Clapsattle

Richard Hoff  
Lloyd Bridgeman

Josephine Tittante  
Ruth M. Jameson

Mary Cullinan

Mary  
Ashcroft

Jimmy  
Cook

Gertrude Corbett

Harold Esters

~~John~~



